

# *Sangamon Valley LEPC*

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## Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2017

*During calendar year 2017, the Sangamon Valley LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 19, March 16, May 18, September 21 and November 16. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. Meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (3 meetings, January/March/November), Athens City Hall (1 meeting, May) and the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (1 meeting, September).*

*The January LEPC meeting was attended by 18 members and 4 visitors. It provided the Chair, David Butt, with the opportunity to present to the committee the 2016 LEPC Summary Report which was reviewed and approved for submission to the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). On January 2nd, the final legal notice making Request for Proposals to conduct a multi-county Commodity Flow Study (CFS) ran in the State Journal-Register (SJ-R). American Environmental Corp. (AEC) was identified at the LEPC meeting as having the only proposal within our budgetary limits. The Sangamon County Board ultimately authorized signing a contract with AEC for a term running thru May 31, 2018. Springfield Fire Department (SFD) made a quarterly progress report on its Hazardous Materials planning project utilizing Marplot® mapping software. A report from SFD will be a feature of every meeting, giving us 5 “quarterly” reports during the year.*

*The March LEPC meeting was attended by 23 members and 5 visitors. Annual Tier 2 Reports are requested from all filers by March 1. Eleven of the 12 expected reports from Menard County had been received. For Sangamon County filers, we had 127 of the 134 expected reports. The Chair provided feedback to the committee on the data derived from the Sangamon County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment that was begun as a November 2016 activity by the LEPC. The 25 evaluated hazards were rank ordered for perceived risk: 1) Cyber Incident, 2) F1/F2 Tornado, 3) Winter Blizzard, 4) Ice Storm w/ short power interruption and 5) Extreme Temperatures. The LEPC made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted with one scrivener’s error being found that needed correction. The updated plan was dated March 16, 2017, for distribution to LEPC members, all fire departments serving the county, IEMA Region 6 and the SERC. This approved planning document then became the updated Chapter 9 of the Sangamon County Emergency Operations Plan, as part of its revision, completed in April.*

*The May LEPC meeting was attended by 16 members and 8 visitors. This was the ninth year that we held our May meeting in Menard County. It is something that we intend to continue. A final count on Tier 2 Reports was given by the Chair with receipt of 137 for Sangamon County and 12 for Menard County. The committee made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted with a scrivener’s error being found that needed correction in 3 places. The updated plan was dated May 18, 2017, for distribution. The committee heard a positive report from AEC on CFS progress to-date. Record February warmth had allowed for completion of winter and spring truck-counts ahead of this meeting. Details reported were reflective of the weather impacts on our largely agricultural 2-county planning district. A report was given on the annual Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference in April, including how our 3 attendees worked through a tabletop exercise (TTX) on its final afternoon.*

*The September LEPC meeting was attended by 24 members and 9 visitors. It was our annual meeting giving the public an opportunity to review planning documents and ask questions. A public notice to this effect had been published and we were quite pleased with the large number of visitors present. The Chair announced to the committee that his retirement will occur on June 30, 2018, making this cycle of 5 meetings thru next May, his last. Our CFS and SFD reports highlighted the large amount of activity in both areas during the summer months using funds from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant. The Chair spoke about rail data collected and processed for hazardous material carloads from 5 railroads across 4 counties. Our opportunity to view Union Pacific (UP) and Norfolk Southern (NS) traffic on routes thru Christian County, which parallel routes thru Sangamon County, allows us to identify the hazardous rail freight going thru our planning district and recognize what could be diverted to us if an adjacent route is taken out-of-service. A presentation by City Water, Light and Power showed how new construction for handling both Chlorine and Anhydrous Ammonia provides greatly improved safety at its water and electric facilities. A presentation by US Environmental Protection Agency gave an overview of the Superfund clean-up project for remediation at Pillsbury Mills in Springfield. A presentation by the Emergency Response Coalition informed the committee how organized labor has mobilized for disaster response and recovery in Sangamon County and how it has plans to take its model statewide to stand-up union locals from Rock Island to Cairo in these tasks for their counties. The Assistant Director of Illinois Emergency Management Agency attended our annual meeting and then remained more than an hour afterward with LEPC members and the Chair for discussions.*

*The November LEPC meeting was attended by 23 members and 3 visitors. We began by looking at recent exercises and activities pertaining to our emergency planning. Department of Public Health led a TTX for evacuation of long-term care facilities. Rewritten requirements of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services made this activity necessary. Several LEPC members participated. Growmark Menard Terminal led a TTX for a petroleum products release with 3 LEPC members participating. TTXs for a dam failure at Lake Sangchris and another for failure of either dam at Lake Springfield were discussed. Sangamon Valley Radio Club participated in a national radio test, working with several LEPC members in an environment when primary communications systems could not be used. LEPC Transportation Subcommittee members (Emergency Management, Transportation and Firefighting representatives) visited Nelson Oil Co. for a tour in conjunction with its safety plan update. Information was obtained on inbound and outbound deliveries for this site of Chlorine and other chemicals of interest for the SFD project. Much is happening around Springfield regarding railroad crossing safety. UP is closing grade crossings and installing safety devices at active crossings. The project to build a roadway underpass at the NS crossing of Ash Street has begun. Remediation at Pillsbury Mills was a front page story of the SJ-R on the day of our meeting, with LEPC members from local and state government levels having roles in parts of the story being reported by the article.*

*Finally, in December, the LEPC reached out to the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office for guidance on the prospect of amending the contract with AEC to insert a sixth round of truck-counting into our CFS agreement that is written to include only five. Since the quick start AEC achieved toward fulfilling this task, we have been one season ahead as each quarter has passed. On December 20, the Chair received his fourth quarterly progress report from AEC.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*LEPC Chair*